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NEW YORK AGE MISLED—DR. EDW. F. JONES RIGHT IN THE GEORGIA ODD FELLOWS' CONTROVERSY.

Col. Fred R. Moore, the able editor of the New York Age, is known throughout the United States for his willingness to be fair at all times with his fellows, and under no conditions we are sure would he mistake facts relative to Dr. Jones of Mississippi. In the last issue of the Age, there appeared an article signed by "An Odd Fellow" in which it was alleged that Dr. Henry Allen Boyd and the many friends of Dr. Jones throughout the United States who are rejoicing and commending Hon. B. J. Davis in his recent triumph were thereby condemning the course of Dr. Jones while a member of the highest court of Odd Fellows in America. The conviction of the writer of the article presumably reached the conclusion that Dr. Jones as a member of the court had voted to withdraw the charter and to expel Col. Davis, such is not the truth. It is true, however, that in January, 1916, Dr. Jones as a member of the S. C. of M., heard all of the evidence and pleadings in the case, but we deny that he voted to suspend Col. Davis or to revoke the charter of the Georgia corporation. We have no authority to speak for Dr. Jones, but we know our grounds and we challenge any man in America to produce facts to the contrary. Dr. Jones was opposed to the course pursued by the S. C. of M., and we have heard from reliable sources that he stood upon the floor of the S. C. of M., and contended and eloquently plead that Col. Davis was guilty of no wrong and that it would be travesty upon justice to thus strike down fully 75,000 loyal members of the order. He voted the distates of his conscience and that his position was correct, has been upheld in no uncertain manner by the Supreme Court of Georgia. Dr. Jones is consistent, and his friends throughout the United States who are delighted at the success of Col. Davis are simply following in the pathway of his great intelligence. He knew then as he has argued throughout the entire country that jealousy in its maddest frenzy bites like an adder and seeks to destroy the constructor. Dr. Jones has been Grand Master of the Odd Fellows of Mississippi for twenty years, and during that time through the Endowment Bureau has paid out more than five million dollars to the widows and orphans of Mississippi and his inclinations were justly and righteously for the salvation of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. We insist that the brother who styles himself "An Odd Fellow" will acquaint himself with the record before he again undertakes to give information upon matters of such vital concern.

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Every other man you meet these days seems to be in a fighting mood. This is true both in church and state. Well, from the tone of President Wilson's message to Congress and the action taken by that body at his solicitation it would seem that every man who wants to fight is going to have an early opportunity to gratify his ambition. That is, unless Germany pulls down and shows the white feather; and this is so out of harmony with her pugilistic nature and record until nobody is expecting it. One million men wanted for the army.

It may be that the large following of the few willful leaders (as suggested by the editor of the Vanguard) of the Progressive Baptists of the state and district will soon desert their leadership and return to the old line Baptist and submit their necks again to the yoke of the old bosses and their backs to the lashes of the old religious tyrants. If so all present indications will have to fail, for both leaders and followers of the progressive movement are preparing at this very moment to pull off one of the greatest "Get-together Meetings" in the history of the Baptists in this state. In fact there are thousands of Baptists in the state who will never again march to the music of the old leaders of which the editor of the Vanguard is a little chief. They and their leaders, like Jonathan and David, are inseparable. No, brother, do not deceive yourself. The men and women who left you will not be back. They got enough of you before they left. Not only the leaders but the people are tired of you. You need not try to soap them; they will not be at your encampment nor at any other gathering in which you take a leading part. They have enough of you.

—The People's Defender.

WHY I AM NOT WITH THE OLD STATE CONVENTION.  
In October 1915, the Union District Association met at Hensley, there a small minority after Dr. D. B. Gains had been elected Moderator of the

association by a majority of 100 with drew and elected.

Rev. R. M. Caver, for their Moderator, but did not change the name of their association, calling it the Union District association. In a regular board meeting I was elected messenger to represent our association in the convention which I did, also Rev. Caver represented his association under the same name. I would not have objected to that if his association had been known as Union District No. 2.

Dr. Morris appointed a committee on grievance afternoon on Saturday, the last day of the Convention, that committee made their report about 5 o'clock in the evening, but mark you, Rev. C. H. Houston who is a member of the Pilgrim Rest Church of Scotts, went down on the Cotton Belt train which due to leave Oregan at 8:05 a. m. and carried a letter to Scott, sent it from there to Pilgrim Rest Church. Remember this letter was written before the committee had been appointed to pass upon the loyalty of the association. The contents of the letter was about as follows:

To the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church: This comes to inform you that the Convention has recognized the association of which Rev. R. M. Caver is Moderator as being the Regular Union District Association.

REV. R. M. CAVER, Mod.  
J. W. McCrary, Secretary of the Convention it matters not who wrote this letter they did it to decide that church if these Brethren did do such a wicked thing, they nor any one else could blame me for not following that class. If they were not connected with this in no way, I know they will say that they are not.

WM. SMITH, Clerk.  
Union District Association.  
—The People's Defender.

### CITY ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crawford of 1711 Thompson street have gone to Wartrace, Tenn., to visit their sister and brother. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller, to be at the marriage of their daughter, Miss Allie, to Mr. Ed Morris, of Wartrace. The marriage will be on the 15th of April.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, Miss Mattie Graves and Miss Nannie Jackson have gone to Wartrace, Tenn., to be guests at the marriage of Miss Allie Miller of Wartrace, Tenn.

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